the operation of Srinagar Watch Factory (SWF) since 1990-91;

(b) Against the original strength of 1197, presently 697 employees are working in SWF. In addition, 426 migrant employees have been temporarily adjusted in the other units of the company.

(c) The total losses incurred by SWF and amount released by Government to HMT since 1990-91 are as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Losses incurred		Amount released
	Total losses	Cash losses	
1990-91	4.87	4.43	5.00
1991-92	3.85	3.44	4.20
1992-93	4.78	4.44	3.11
1993-94	6.09	5.90	5.54

(a) The grant is being released to compensate the cash losses only. The company has been requesting reimbursement of net losses and, in addition, salaries and wages of migrant employees adjusted in other units of company who are stated to be not gainfully deployed.

(e) None of the other watch units of HMT have been given any grant by the Government.

National Renewal Fond Scheme

2381. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a retraining and deployment policy has been framed to make the 'National Renewal Fund' scheme a success;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how far the NRF scheme has been implemented so far indicating the number of persons retrained and resettled, or given a bolden handshake and helped to settle themselves in self occupation or enterprise onder the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The National Renewal Fund was set up by the Government in February, 1992 to provide a social safety net for workers affected by technology upgradation and modernisation of Indian Industry. It would, inter-alia, provide for payment of compensation to rationalised workers and for their counselling and retraining.

Government has started pilot schemes for retraining and counselling of rationalised workers by setting up of 5 Employee Assistance Centres (EACs) at Ahmedabad, Calcutta Indore, Kanpur and Bombay. Ministry of Labour will also taken up retraining schemes at fifteen Industries Training Institutes and six Advanced Training Institutes. The scheme for worker retraining and counselling envisages training of rationalised workers for wage-employment or self-employment according to their preference, considering the job opportunities and self-employment avenues in their area.

The number of employees who availed of Voluntary Retirement Scheme, as per information received from the Central Public Sector Undertakings, during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (as on 30.06.1994) are 38531, 30935, and 820 respectively. Retraining and counselling of rationalised workers have commenced on a pilot scale basis in the year 1993-94. As on 31.5.1994, a total of 266 workers had been retrained by the Employees Assistance Centres.

Industrial investment in the country

2382. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to the answer to Unstarred Question 450 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1994 and State:

(a) whether Government have given highest attention to investment in the fields of chemicals, textiles, vegetable oils and vanaspati food processing, etc., to generate more employment in these sectors, and

(b) If so, what steps have so far been taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Government have, under the New Industrial Policy, 1991, delicensed textiles, vegetable oil and vanaspathi, food processing and most of the chemicals (except hazardous chemicals) with the objective of generating more investment and consequently employment. In addition, most of the chemicals, food processing, textile items have been accorded high priority status or foreign investment.

Financial assistance for development of Khadi and Village Industries

2383. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme for the development and establishment of Khadi and Village Industry in the country, particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of financial assistance given to the States during the year 1993-94 in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the financial assistance proposed to be given during the year 1994-95, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) In addition to Khadi programme, 96 village Industries are implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) throughout the country including Punjab. The Union Government provides funds to KVIC by way of loans and grants for the development of KVI sector. KVIC in turn provides funds to different State/Union Territory KVI Boards and directly aided institutions for implementing the different KVI Schemes in rural areas. In addition to its regular programme the KVIC has decided to extend special employment programme in select Districts in the country in order to create more and more employment opportunities in rural areas.

c) Based on the information provided by KVIC, a statement showing the details of the financial assistance given to different states by KVIC during 1993-94 is placed. (See below)